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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 August 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12, 14-18, 22-36 and 38-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 13, 19-22 and 37 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12, 14-18, 22-36 and 38-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is in response to the amendment sent on August 05, 2008. Amendments to the have been entered and have been considered below.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on August 5, 2008 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

4. **Claims 1 – 12, 14 – 18, 22 – 36 and 38 – 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hudetz (6,199,048).**

As per claims 1 and 25, Hudetz discloses a method and a computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions, that when executed, cause a device to:

receiving information from a product tag in response to scanning the product tag with radiation, the received information including encoded text segments (abstract discusses receiving tang information);

converting the received information to obtain the text segments, the text segments including a first text segment and a separate meta tag having one of one or more associated values, each of the associated values corresponding to a different rule (figs 3 – 5 depict converting the information. fig. 3 has two text segments, a and b. fig. 4, 76 depicts a metatag);

parsing the text segments and identifying the first text segment and the meta tag (figs 3 – 5 depict parsing the information); and

displaying the first text segment in a manner determined by the rule corresponding to the one associated value (figs 3 – 5 depict displaying the information).

As per claims 2 and 26, Hudetz discloses wherein the product tag is a radio frequency identification tag, and wherein receiving information from a product tag comprises receiving information in response to scanning the radio frequency identification with radiation originating at a mobile terminal (fig. 1 depicts a barcode tag and a scanner).

As per claims 3 and 27, Hudetz discloses wherein the receiving information from a product tag comprises receiving information in response to scanning the product tag with light (abstract discusses swiping the barcode reader over the symbol).

As per claims 4 and 28, Hudetz discloses wherein the meta tag comprises at least one character (figs 3 – 5 depict a meta tag with at least one character).

As per claims 5 and 29, Hudetz discloses wherein the meta tag consists of one character (figs 3 – 5 depicts one character).

As per claims 6 and 30, Hudetz discloses wherein the manner determined by the rule corresponding to the one associated value comprises adding text to the first text segment (figs 3 – 5 depicts adding text).

As per claims 7 and 31, Hudetz discloses wherein the manner determined by the rule corresponding to the associated value comprises formatting the first text segment (figs 3 – 5 depict formatting the text segment).

As per claims 8 and 32, Hudetz discloses, wherein the expanding comprises converting the at least one segment of text to a hyperlink to a computer network site (figs 3 – 5 depicts expanding the text segment to a url).

As per claims 9 and 33, Hudetz discloses, further including: receiving product information from the computer network (abstract discloses receiving product info).

As per claims 10 and 34, Hudetz discloses wherein converting the first text segment to a hyperlink comprises searching a domain name database for an entry that corresponds to the first text segment (figs 3 – 5 depicts a domain name database).

As per claims 11 and 35, Hudetz discloses further including determining whether wireless network access, is available for a terminal having a display device on which the first text segment is displayed (figs 1 and 2 discuss access to remote network).

As per claims 12 and 36, Hudetz discloses wherein the manner determined by the rule corresponding to the one associated value comprises expanding the first text segment into a hyperlink to a local or remote network site, which allows access to respective information depending on whether the wireless network access is available (figs 3 – 5 depict associating a rule into a hyperlink).

As per claim 14, Hudetz discloses wherein the text segments include at least one formatting code (figs 3 – 5 depict formatting code).

As per claim 15, Hudetz discloses wherein the at least one formatting code comprises an HTML tag (figs 3 – 5 depict an html tag).

As per claims 16 and 38, Hudetz discloses wherein the product tag comprises a radio frequency identification tag (fig. 1 depicts an article barcode tag).

As per claims 17 and 39, Hudetz discloses wherein the text segments include a second text segment and the second text segment includes a domain name code, and the method further includes converting the domain name code into a uniform resource located of at least one of a product information and a product name associated with the product tag (figs 3 – 5 depict a second text segment and a domain name).

As per claims 18 and 40, Hudetz discloses wherein the text segments further include a second text segment, and further comprising:

displaying the second text segment in a manner determined by a rule associated with the position of the second text segment within the text segments (figs 3 – 5 depict displaying the second text segment).

As per claim 22, Hudetz discloses, a mobile terminal comprising:

a transceiver configured to generate radiation for scanning a product tag and configured to receive, in response to said scanning, information including coded text segments separated by field separators, wherein the text segments include a first text

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segment and a separate meta tag having one of one or more associated values, each of the associated values corresponding to a different rule (fig. 2 depicts the transceiver and figs 3 – 5 the text segments);

a driver configured to convert the received information to obtain the text segments (figs 1 and 2 depict the driver); and

a parser configured to
parse the text segments and identify the first text segment and the meta tag, and
display the first text segment, in a manner determined by the rule corresponding to the one associated value, on a display device (figs 3 – 5 depict converting parsing).

As per claim 23, Hudetz discloses further including a meta tag database storing instructions corresponding to the rules corresponding to possible associated values of the meta tag (figs 3 – 5 depict instructions corresponding to rules).

As per claim 24, Hudetz discloses wherein the parser is configured to display the first text segment by expanding the first text segment into a hyperlink to a local remote network site, which allows access to respective information depending on whether wireless local network access supported by the transceiver of the apparatus is available (figs 3 – 5 depict accessing a local remote network site).

Response to Arguments

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5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 - 40 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Liou (2003/0101159), Wiltz (US 5992752 A) and Mehler (US 6820808 B2).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to OLUSEYE IWARERE whose telephone number is (571)270-5112. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew S. Gart can be reached on (571)272-3955. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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